

Teacher notes

Books: children's scripts to encourage a friend.

Reflection Area activity idea:



Fruits from the Roots



THE PERSEVERANCE TRACK



Make a display of a racetrack. Children write or draw a picture on a small piece of paper of themselves practising a skill that needs **perseverance**. (This could be an educational or personal target.)




(A3 poster rather than display that children can add to over the term).

Monday 7th February




Sit down calmly,
ready for our
class worship
session...

This half term's Christian value is:



PERSEVERANCE



**'I can do all things
through Him who
strengthens me.'**

Philippians 4.13

The graphic features a teal background with a white circular icon of a turtle at the top. Below it, the word 'PERSEVERANCE' is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. In the center, there is a photograph of two young children, a boy and a girl, seen from behind as they walk along a dirt path in a sun-dappled forest. Both children are wearing backpacks. At the bottom, a white speech bubble contains the quote 'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.' in a teal, sans-serif font. Below the speech bubble, the text 'Philippians 4.13' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

Monday 7th February

Greeting

Light your class worship candle.



We have gathered in the name of
God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
to worship together,
and think about our value

Perseverance

Engage

When Jesus went to heaven to be with His Father, the disciples were left to continue to tell others about the Good News of God's love, the work that Jesus had begun.

One of the disciples was called Barnabas. The name Barnabas means 'Son of encouragement' and that is exactly what Barnabas was, an encourager! He always saw the good in people and was never slow in offering help and practical assistance to those in need. The Bible describes him like and this

"Barnabas was a good man full of the Holy Spirit and strong in faith"
Acts 11.24

Respond

Barney the puppet is also an 'encourager'. Let's hear what Barney and Bella have been up to.



Learning

Two puppeteers operate puppets Barney and Bella from behind a screen or table covered with a cloth.



- Barney: Hi Bella, how are you doing?
- Bella: I'm a bit nervous.
- Barney: Nervous?
- Bella: Yes, I'm going to be Goal Shooter in the netball match next week. I'm worried about it.
- Barney: Why?
- Bella: Because last time I played in a match I couldn't score a single goal, even though I had plenty of tries. I felt really bad.
- Barney: Well, you know what they say, "Practice makes perfect!"
- Bella: Oh no, not you as well!
- Barney: What?
- Bella: That saying, "Practice makes perfect". That's just what my mum said, and Mrs Brown too. It's so annoying!
- Barney: Why is it annoying? Its true isn't it?
- Bella: Well, I don't know. I wish I could be a brilliant shooter like Lisa. When she plays she score loads of goals. And I've never seen *her* practise!
- Barney: I have! She lives near me and I see her practising every day after school. She's out there for hours!
- Bella: Oh OK. Maybe practice really does make perfect then. *(Thoughtfully.)* She always makes it look so easy, so natural.
- Barney: My Dad says that the best sports people are the ones that practise the longest. Come on let's go and do some now!
- Bella: Oh alright. I suppose it will be worth it in the end.

How has Barney helped Bella in this story?

Sending

As a class, let's gather some phrases that we could use to encourage and support our friends who are facing a challenge.

Tuesday 8th February



Children will need
spiritual journals

Engage

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Respond



Reflecting

When was the last time you encouraged someone to keep going to achieve their goal?

Write a script between two friends. One who is facing a challenge and the other who is providing support and encouragement.

Model ideas:

Sending

Send a prayer for those who need encouragement.

